

**Resolution of St. Patrick Parish Council
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
July 16, 2009**

We move that the St. Patrick Parish Council approve the submittal of the I-Jobs grant for our construction project (re-building of St. Patrick Parish Center) as identified in our Non-Binding Letter of Intent.

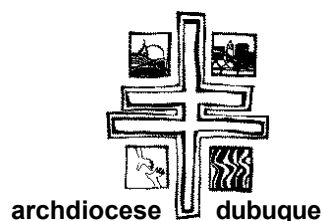
Voting aye (8):

Diane Ackman
Jean Bell
Marian Biggins
Carol Heffernen
Jim Lane
John Schenkelberg
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Voting no (0)

Motion passed.

Rev. Philip E. Thompson, pastor



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July 28, 2009

Dear I-Jobs Board of Directors:

I am writing this letter of endorsement to demonstrate my firm support for the grant proposal to assist in restoring the St. Patrick's Parish Center in Cedar Rapids.

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque provided services to 378 clients in the Cedar Rapids area last year alone. Seventy percent (70%) of these clients were low-income individuals. Our services include mental health counseling, case advocacy, adoption, crisis-pregnancy counseling, disaster recovery services, and more. The opportunity to co-locate within a parish center will allow our services to the poor and needy to be easily accessed in a central location that is safe, handicapped accessible, and has ample parking.

The co-location of offices will assist all entities, including the parish center, Catholic School Offices and Catholic Charities save money by sharing resources such as computers, phone systems, occupancy related expenses, etc. The co-locating of offices will also allow improved coordination of services between all entities, ultimately providing improved services to the clients who access our services.

Catholic Charities is committed to co-locating our Cedar Rapids office in the St. Patrick's parish center should this grant request be funded. This is a remarkable opportunity for many organizations to assist in ensuring future self-sustainability while providing improved services to the public.

If you have any additional questions regarding Catholic Charities' services or our commitment to this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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July 27, 2009

Dear I-Jobs Board of Directors,

The grant proposal requesting funding to restore the St. Patrick's Parish Center is much more than an opportunity to help stabilize a Catholic community devastated by over eight feet of water in the flood of 2008. The parish center houses numerous programs and offices that support a much larger clientele.

The purpose of my support letter is to make you aware of the work the schools office, which was located in the parish center before the flood, does to support the accredited 54 Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese. Those 54 schools include 66 attendance centers, comprised of 47 K-8 centers, 7 high schools, 45 early childhood/extended care programs which serve over 16,000 students grades prek-12. There are well over 900 fully licensed teachers and administrators working in these schools, of which 99% are now lay people. The total budget exceeds \$75 million. The work of the schools office includes all aspects of running a certified school district of this magnitude, ranging from curriculum work, personnel issues, finances, facilities and so much more. We do this work out of two offices, one each in Dubuque and Cedar Rapids. As you know from the grant application, the Cedar Rapids office which includes the office of the superintendent was ruined by the flood, losing all office equipment, supplies, files and much more. Our office is currently housed in a conference room at Xavier High School. It is important to understand that this office serves schools located from Ames, north to Mason City, east to Waukon, south to Maquoketa, and back to Cedar Rapids. We serve all of those communities plus over 35 others ranging from Dubuque, Waterloo, Decorah and Marshalltown to other communities like Ossian, Gilbertville, Webster City, Protivin, and Charles City. It is a large, diverse area, so our offices are vital to support the work needed.

There are many other services provided through the parish center that are now displaced. Those are all listed in the grant application. They include Catholic Charities, Disaster Relief Coordinator, HACAP low-income tax assistance, community food bank, and the low-income tuition assistance program for the schools.

It is important to note that the location of this parish center is in the epicenter of the greatest damage sustained in Cedar Rapids. It will be located on the dry side of the proposed new dike. The restoration of such a new, energy efficient building at a time when so many are looking for hope and direction is vital to the Cedar Rapids effort. This grant will provide that hope. Without it, the struggle will continue.

If you have any questions about the work of my Cedar Rapids office, please let me know. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff Henderson, Ed.S.
Superintendent of Schools, Archdiocese of Dubuque